



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Llinas-Brunet, M. et al

Appln. No.: 09/368,670 Group Art Unit: 1653
Filed: 08/05/99 Examiner: D. Lukton
For: Hepatitis C Inhibitor Peptides
Docket No.: 13/063-2-C2

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

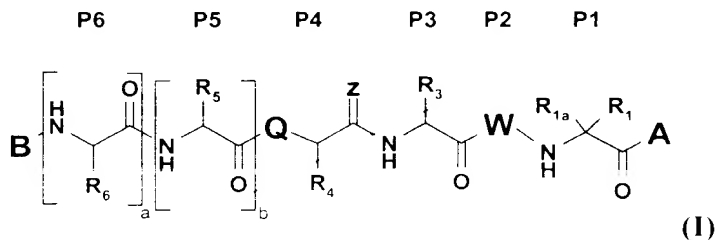
This is in response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A compound of formula I including racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers:



wherein Q is CH₂ or N-Y wherein Y is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

a) when Q is CH₂, a is 0, b is 0, [then] and B is an amide derivative of formula R_{11a}N(R_{11b})-C(O)- wherein R_{11a} is H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₆ aryl, C₁₋₁₀ alkylaryl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl or C₄₋₈